

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
SUBJECT: BOMB EXPLODED AT AMERICAN CENTER

REF: THESSALONIKI 0012 (NOTAL)

1. A BOMB PLACED AT THE THIRD FLOOR ENTRANCE OF THE  
THESSALONIKI AMERICAN CENTER (USIS) SHATTERED  
THE CENTER'S MAIN FRONT DOOR, ADJOINING LIBRARY  
AND BATHROOM DOORS, WINDOWS, WALLS AND OTHER DOORS  
OF CENTER OFFICES.

2. ALSO SUBSTANTIAL DAMAGE TO NEIGHBORING OFFICES ON  
FLOOR BELOW INCLUDING GREEK TOURISM ORGANIZATION,  
FINA OIL CO., AS WELL AS MAIN REAR STAIRWAY WINDOW  
WALL OF BUILDING FACING ONTO COURTYARD.  
POLICE INDICATE BLAST OCCURED AT 02:30 A.M. LOCAL TIME  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 21. ANOTHER BOMB SET OFF AT  
SAME TIME AT OFFICES OF LOCAL AMERICAN EXPRESS WITH CONSIDERABLE  
DAMAGE TO MAIN WINDOWS. PARTS OF A TIMING DEVICE FOUND AT  
BOTH SITES INDICATE EXPLOSIVE WAS TIME CONTROLLED.  
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POLICE NOT YET ABLE TO ESTIMATE STRENGTH OF EXPLOSION EXCEPT  
TO INDICATE IT WAS A "STRONG" ONE.

3. AMERICAN CENTER PREMISES WERE LAST OCCUPIED AT  
10:00 P.M. FRIDAY EVENING AT CONCLUSION OF  
CEREMONIES OPENING ROBERT RAUSCHENBERG EXHIBIT.  
NO DAMAGE AT ALL TO EXHIBIT.

4. TWO DAYS EARLIER A BOMB THREAT WAS MADE ON LOCAL AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL. TRHEAT WAS TELEPHONED AT 5:30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18. SEE REFTEL. CONGEN EVACUATED AT THE TIME BUT NO DEVICES LOCATED.

5. POLICE, SECURITY AND ARMY OFFICIALS PERFORMING FULL INVESTIGATION AND POLICE HAVE PLACED 24 HOUR GUARD UNTIL PREMISES CAN BE SECURED.  
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